



## **BEARFACTS 1992 – 2002**

### **Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton (MSA) [10900]**

Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton is one of 363 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the nation. Its 2002 population of 756,325 ranked 64th in the nation.

#### **PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME**

In 2002 Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$31,124. This PCPI ranked 76th in the United States and was 101 percent of the national average, \$30,821. The 2002 PCPI reflected an increase of 2.7 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 national change was 0.8 percent. In 1992 the PCPI of Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton was \$21,497 and ranked 62nd in the United States. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 4.0 percent.

#### **TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

In 2002 Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton had a total personal income (TPI) of \$23,539,721\*. This TPI ranked 61st in the United States. In 1992 the TPI of Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton was \$15,110,930\* and ranked 57th in the United States. The 2002 TPI reflected an increase of 3.7 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 national change was 1.8 percent. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of TPI was 4.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.2 percent.

#### **COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton. In 2002 net earnings accounted for 66.9 percent of TPI (compared with 66.4 in 1992); dividends, interest, and rent were 16.7 percent (compared with 18.3 in 1992); and personal current transfer receipts were 16.4 percent (compared with 15.2 in 1992). From 2001 to 2002 net earnings increased 3.6 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 0.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 8.0 percent. From 1992 to 2002 net earnings increased on average 4.6 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 3.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.3 percent.

#### **EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK**

Earnings of persons employed in Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton increased from \$14,993,762\* in 2001 to \$15,599,037\* in 2002, an increase of 4.0 percent. The 2001-2002 national change was 2.1 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1992 estimate of \$10,187,391\* to the 2002 estimate was 4.4 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.4 percent.

*\*Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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